Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Once.

(2) Rs. 194—12—0.

(3) Rs. 500.

Reading Room—Irinjalakkuda.

266. **Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Reading Rooms aided by the Government are not open and free to the public for reading papers, etc ;

(b) whether they are aware that the Victoria Jubilee Reading Room at Irinjalakkuda is one aided by the Government;

(c) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Director of Public Instruction that the public are debarred from making use of the said Reading Room at present ;

(d) if the answer to question (c) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action in the matter, and if so, what ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Generally they are open to the public though it has not been laid down as one of the conditions governing the grant to be paid to them.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Secretary has reported that the rules of the Reading Room have since been modified in a general body meeting and that the Reading Room is now open to the public. Steps are being taken to amend the rules governing the grant to the Reading Rooms when provision will be made to throw open Reading Rooms to the public for reading papers, etc.

T. B. at Kuthiran.

267. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

what objections, if any, they entertain against establishing a first class Travellers' Bungalow over Kuthiran and the date when the same will be undertaken with special reference to the fact that the place is an exceilent summer and health resort ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government are informed that the Kuthiran on the Paravattani Hills is one of the most malarial spots in the State. It is not therefore advisable to build a Travellers' Bungalow at that place.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to ask whether it is malarial in Summer.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not highly malarial in Summer.

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